

Washington Correspondence.

BY WALLACE BASSFORD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 25.—It is growing into a settled belief among those who watch and study the mystifying moves of big politics that the President's recent utterances on the bonus constitute a reflection of his desire to defeat the proposition and to let the blame rest on the Farm Bloc, which he looks upon as being the evil genius of his administration. It is believed that he would like to place these men in a hole from which they might never be able to extricate themselves. When he gave it out that he did not favor bonus legislation unless the money could be raised by a sales tax, he knew that the Farm Bloc is on record as strongly opposed to such a tax. Thus Harding "passes the buck" to those gentlemen and at the same time throws a sop to his Wall street friends who want a sales tax to evidently take the place of taxes and surtaxes on incomes. In the same breath he tells the soldier he would like to see him get a bonus but throws an obstacle in the way.

It is more than suspected that the President would like to see a lot of members of his own party fall outside the breastworks of the coming election fight. There are so many Republicans in the House and Senate that he can't handle them, and if any fall he would prefer that they be members of the Farm Bloc in both House and Senate. Of course it is well known that the Democrats are getting together a most militant organization for the purpose of causing an utter disappearance of this unwieldy condition. One of the big Republicans told a newspaper man the other day that the leaders of his party were hopeful that the majority of 169 in the House could be reduced to 30 or 40 without starting an avalanche that would wipe out the majority completely. They would like to have a Congress that could be controlled by a few leaders, but it is a dangerous thing to try the tactics thought of. As far as impartial observers can see at this time, the slaughter among Republicans of both House and Senate will be great, but that the Farm Bloc will suffer the least. The Democrats say the Republicans are in for the worst trimming they have had in 30 years.

The Little Technicalities.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

The conference of Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys and Bro Shupp, assembled by Attorney-General Barrett to consider the enforcement of prohibition, received some salutary advice from Prosecuting Attorney Oakley of St. Louis, when he said:

"We cannot speak of the disregard of law bred by infractions of prohibition, as some contend, unless we sworn officers conform to the law ourselves. Unless we do, we do more to throw this law into disrepute than any other single element."

Mr. Oakley referred particularly to illegal searches and the attempt to procure convictions by short cuts in violation of the rights of the accused.

Unfortunately, his remarks appeared to have had little weight with young Mr. Gideon, Prosecuting Attorney at Forsyth, in Taney County. He has not been using search warrants, he said, and he searches everything and everybody without warrants, and gets convictions, too. And he added: "We use the direct method in Taney County, for, while I reverence law, I hate these little technicalities."

Thus the fourth, fifth and fourteenth amendments to the Constitution are viewed by this prosecuting official as "little technicalities." Must he not, then, show lenience toward those who similarly fail to take the eighteenth amendment seriously?

When Mr. Gideon retires from office he may find himself with a client some day who stands in need of his constitutional rights; he will then appreciate the full significance of these amendments and why they were adopted as essential to the perpetuity of civil liberty.

Meantime, if Taney County continues to submit to "the direct method," we commend it to the young city lawyer as a promising field for patriotic and, perhaps, lucrative labors.

One Year of Harding Pictured by Senator King of Utah.

"One year of Harding and Republican administration has brought industrial and economic disaster to the Republic; perhaps no period in our nation's history—a period of but one short year—shows such a catastrophic change as that which has followed the advent of the Republican party

to power. Not only has there been economic and industrial paralysis, but many declare there has been a recession in that advancing tide of fine idealism which has been the past guide and should be the future guide as well as the glory of the Republic."

The foregoing is but one paragraph in an indictment against the present administration, drawn by the masterful hand and voiced by the eloquence of the Democratic Senator from Utah, W. H. King, in a recent speech on the floor of the Senate.

This condition he attributed to "the foolish policies, the unwise legislation, and the lack of statesmanship of the party in power." He said, "the Republicans are not only incompetent, but they are afraid to deal with the problem confronting them." Saying that the character of revenue legislation enacted was one of the tests of the capacity of a party to control, he declared that measured by this test the Republican party had failed utterly. "Its fiscal policies, its tariff legislation, its revenue measures have all been disappointing," he said.

"The American people," continued Senator King, "are beginning to realize that they have been deceived. Three years of Republican control of Congress and one year of Harding administration have brought concrete examples of the disastrous consequences of Republican rule. Men who cried aloud against Wilson and Democratic policies now beat their breasts in anguish as they cry aloud for the return of prosperity and those blessings which attended Democratic supremacy. There never was such prosperity in any land as that enjoyed by the American people during the administration of Woodrow Wilson."

"The Democratic party gave to the country during the eight years of Wilson's administration prosperity which has never been attained by this or by any other country. We developed industrially until the world was our market. We grew financially until nations stood with empty purses seeking our favors. Materially America wore the crown of primacy, and morally this Republic became a symbol to all the world."

"If an industrious and happy people are the standard by which to judge of a party, then the Democratic Party must be crowned with honor and glory. If extending commerce and assuming world leadership in trade and finance are evidences of successful political control, then the testimony is mountain high establishing the claims of the Democratic Party. If to point the way to all nations, great and small, the way of righteousness and peace and honor and justice and freedom is a demonstration of the capacity and greatness of a party and its leaders, then to no party and to no leaders has there ever come such conclusive proof of glorified achievements as that which all the world bestows upon the Democratic Party—the party of Jefferson and Wilson."

Appeals for Help.

Readers of this paper will be pained to hear that the Christian Home Orphanage at Council Bluffs, Iowa, which was founded in 1882, and which cares for about five hundred destitute children and aged, dependent women annually, and which has received under its care scores of children from this state, is confronted with the most serious condition of its entire history, and that unless speedy and liberal help come, disaster may be the result. The close times have affected receipts at the orphanage to an alarming extent, and the future welfare of the work is at stake.

The Home is appealing to the public to help it prevent this calamity, and, after nearly forty years of faithful service this paper feels that every reader should forward a generous contribution now to the Christian Home Orphanage, Council Bluffs, Iowa, in order that there may continue to be food and shelter for those little ones. Send these people something today, as prompt and liberal action is now vitally essential to the future existence of this great orphanage.

President Harding Again Repudiates Civil Service Law.

Aside from the many violations of the spirit of the Civil Service law and the discrimination against ex-service men in the appointment of presidential postmasters, the Civil Service law has been actually trampled upon in the appointment of a postmaster at Marion, Ohio, by an executive order of President Harding. Commenting on this latter appointment Senator Harrison (Dem., Miss.), said: "They violated the law in letter and

in spirit, and it was done by the highest in authority in America, the President of the United States. There were probably hundreds of good deservicing Republicans at Marion who desired to be appointed postmaster. They had read of the civil service law, and what a friend the Republican Party had been to it in the past. They believed that they would be treated fairly when it came to holding an examination for the postmastership at Marion. They relied upon the assertions the President and the leaders of the party had made, in forum and in hamlet, in every campaign. They believed they were the friends of civil service and that they would get a fair deal when the successor of the then Democratic postmaster at Marion should be appointed; but, like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky, the President of the United States, who had before paid high tribute to the civil service employees and to the system, stamped it under his feet, repudiated it, spurned it as though it was a poisonous thing and wrote an executive order appointing the postmaster at Marion."

"Oh, how can the followers of civil service have any faith or confidence in the administration after that act? If it be true that the President should do it and name some friend postmaster at Marion through an Executive order, why should he not issue an Executive order for Senators to appoint their friends in their home towns? Why should he not issue an Executive order for the Republican Congressmen, so that they might name some friend as postmaster in their home town? It is the beginning of the end of the civil service system during the administration. If I were President of the United States and had committed such an act as that, I would not have the face ever again to advocate civil service reform or content for civil service requirements or enforcements."

"I do not know whether nomination has been confirmed or not but I shall oppose its confirmation, and I shall ask, if it has not been confirmed, that the Senate shall sit in open executive session to consider the nomination. I want to put Senators on record to see whether or not they will indorse an act, even though it comes from their own President, which will destroy the civil service at one fell swoop, as President Harding did in that instance."

Income Tax Facts.

Former soldiers and sailors, in filing an income tax return for 1921, should not include any amount received under the provisions of the war risk insurance and vocational rehabilitation acts and as pensions from the United States for military or naval service during the war.

The special exemption of \$3,500 formerly allowed soldiers and sailors in active service is not continued by the revenue act of 1921. "Persons in active military or naval service of the United States" are allowed only the exemptions granted other individuals, \$1,000 if single (or if married and not living with husband or wife); \$2,500 if married and the combined net income of husband and wife was \$5,000 or less; and \$2,000 if married and the combined net income of husband and wife was more than \$5,000.

An unmarried soldier, sailor, marine, or ex-service man must file a return if his net income from all sources for 1921 was \$1,000 or more or if his gross income was \$5,000 or more. If married and living with his wife on December 31, 1921, he must file a return if the net income of himself and wife and dependent minor children was \$2,000 or more; or if the combined gross income was \$5,000 or more.

State May Have Two Federal Parks.

(Piedmont Journal Banner.) A movement through which it is hoped to secure the establishment of two national recreation parks in the Ozark region of Missouri has been inaugurated by the St. Louis Convention Publicity and Tourist Bureau. The parks will embrace an acreage totaling more than 1,000,000 acres to be paid for by the Federal government. Representatives of the St. Louis Bureau have recently conferred with Missouri members of Congress regarding the movement.

It will be recalled that a few years ago government engineers made surveys along the St. Francis river in Wayne and other counties through which it passes, although at the time the purpose of the survey was not known. It has developed that the engineers were from the Federal Forest Service and that surveys were made of two regions in Missouri adapted for national parks and recommended

the purchase of two tracts of land in this section. The recommendations of the engineers have since been approved by the Forest Commission. The two tracts recommended for purchase are as follows:

The St. Francois river unit containing the St. Francis mountain and large areas in St. Francois, Wayne, Iron, Reynolds and Madison counties totaling 468,700 acres of which 74,800 acres are on the water shed of the St. Francis river and 94,100 on the water shed of the Black river. The other unit, known as the Current river unit, includes the greater part of lands at the headwaters of the Current river above Van Buren, in Carter, Shannon and Dent counties, totaling 589,000 acres, or for the two proposed purchases, 1,054,000 acres.

M. E. Blanton Dead.

(Fredericktown Democrat-News.)

Momen E. Blanton died suddenly at his home early Sunday morning, aged almost 71 years. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. Previously he had been in his usual good health, spending a large part of Saturday down town looking after business affairs.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon, a short service at the home at 2 o'clock, followed by another service at the Christian church at 2:30. Burial was in the Christian cemetery. Rev. Burrus conducted the services and spoke very eloquently of the sterling qualities of the deceased.

He is survived by a wife, two sons, James and William, and one daughter, Mrs. Henry Schwane. Two brothers, W. H. and Thompson, and one sister, Mrs. Michael DeGuire, also remain.

Mr. Blanton was born in Iron County, his brother, Thompson, now living on the old home place. As a young man he went to Colorado and remained there two years working in the mines. Upon his return he worked for his brother-in-law, Michael DeGuire, in the old Libertyville mill. Later he came to the mill here and remained as its manager until he bought the farm on which he made his home until the time of his death.

Mr. Blanton was one of the wealthiest men of Madison county, his wealth consisting of a large part of his farm which is conceded to be the most valuable farm in the county. It consists of nearly 200 acres, brought to the highest state of cultivation and with every improvement and convenience that ingenuity could devise. Lying, as it does, almost in town, its worth can scarcely be estimated.

Crane Pond Items.

We are having plenty of rain and foggy weather lately.

Wheat fields are beginning to look as if spring was coming. The farmers are busy cleaning up their farms for the coming crop.

Mr. James Ivester, Jr., has moved on the Harris farm. He expects to help farm the place.

Mrs. Joseph Selinger spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Polk, of Ironton, last week.

A surprise birthday party was given at the home of Chas. Pannebecker in honor of Miss Nettie Campbell's eighteenth birthday. Every one enjoyed themselves. Nettie received several very nice presents.

Mr. Walter Miller and family spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Selinger and Asa Young spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Selinger. JUANITA. February 27.

Graniteville News.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nations of Arcadia visited in the home of Mrs. Duebacker last Sunday.

Mr. Andrew Orrick and Rev. Hills of Granite City, Ill., spent Sunday with Mr. John Orrick.

Mrs. Kilian returned to her home in St. Louis after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keenan.

Miss Winnie Killman, who has been confined to her bed for some time, is improving in health.

We are glad to state Mrs. Tredway is able to be up again.

Miss Jones is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Shrum.

The big comedy show spent last week at this place. Saturday night they gave a bracelet and watch to the most popular lady and ring to the most popular baby. Miss Edith Mae Ferguson won the watch and bracelet. Loretta Clemons was prize winner of ring.

Mr. Edgar Beaman spent last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Sands. Jamer Meade departed for Annap-

olis today where he has steady employment.

Mr. John Cole and Mr. Ben Wiseman were Bellevue callers last Tuesday. BLUE EYES.

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A Child's Reading.

Nothing is more productive of joy and profound profit in later years than a trained judgment and love for reading. It is deplorable that children should not grow up with books as daily companions, learning to know the best books and the characters and authors of the great books. Any mother can become the wise and competent guide for her children's reading. Start them definitely and right, keep up an interest in what they read, and you will derive as much from it as they and find it an incomparable bond of companionship.

October.

October is our tenth month, but the eighth in the old Roman calendar, as its name indicates. Our Saxon ancestors called it Wynnemonth, or the wine month. In allusion to this name, an old writer remarks: "And albeit, they had not and anciently wines made in their own country, yet in this season they had them from divers countries adjoining." In some of the ancient Saxon calendars this month is represented by a farmer carrying a sack on his shoulder and sowing grain, in allusion to the practice of sowing the winter grain.

Couldn't Find the Colors.

John's mother was washing some of his garments. Holding up one of his new wash suits, she exclaimed: "Oh, dear, dear, John, the colors in your pretty new suit ran." John, who was having much trouble in controlling a fiery steed in the form of a broom handle, apparently paid little attention. A little while later he came to his mother and said, in a much puzzled manner: "Mother, I can't find 'em any place." "Find what, dear?" asked the mother. "Why, the colors," answered John. "You said they ran. Where did they go?"—Indianapolis News.

Cornish Tin Miners.

The men who work in the Cornish tin mines are a class by themselves, and all their differences are adjusted by the stannary courts, as they are called from the Latin word stannum. These curious courts have existed in their present form since the middle of the Thirteenth century, and, in a simpler form, much earlier; and the miners claim to be free from all other jurisdiction, "except in matters affecting the land, life or limb."

Ancient Earrings.

The earring is not a modern invention, for more than 20 centuries ago the daughter of Aristotle wore golden hoops in her ears. The philosopher's daughter's earrings were found in her tomb near Chalcois by exploring archaeologists and it is asserted modern workmanship cannot produce their equal.—Indianapolis News.

Lightning Is Fast.

A flash of lightning lights up the ground for one-millionth of a second, yet it seems to last much longer. What happens is that the impression remains in the eye of the retina for about one-eighth of a second, or 124,000 times longer than the flash lasts.

Good Points About Failure.

Do not be downcast at failures. They are often far better for the student than success. He who goes to school to his mistakes will always have a good schoolmaster, and will not be likely to become idle or contented.

More Than Skin Deep.

Beauty is more than skin deep, according to the United States public health service. Natural beauty is usually a sign of health that comes from keeping the body clean and getting plenty of outdoor exercise.

Use Is the End.

The distinction and end of a soundly constituted man is his labor. Use is inscribed on all his faculties. Use is the end to which he exists. As the tree exists for its fruit, so a man for his work.—Emerson.

Stands for Reason.

Jud Tunkins says that one man's get-rich-quick game always means a whole lot of get-poor-quick games for other people.

Origin of "The Fourth Estate."

Burke, British statesman, gave to the press the designation "the fourth estate."

Farm for Sale.

Fifty-six acres, one mile and three-quarters west of Cedar Grove in Iron County, known as the L. L. Sinclair place; about forty acres in cultivation, three-room house and barn. Easy terms. See or address B. P. Sinclair, Caledonia, Mo., for further information.

The Proper Thing.
"If you have an itch for writing, Robert, get a scratch pad."—Boston Transcript.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, February 27, 1922:

Days of Week.	Day of Month	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Tuesday.....	21	61	37	.51
Wednesday.....	22	70	42	
Thursday.....	23	45	37	
Friday.....	24	37	19	
Saturday.....	25	39	20	
Sunday.....	27	38	24	.11
Monday.....	27	37	33	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

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Bismarck, Wednesday, March 22, Write for appointment.

Write for information or appointment.

NOTE.—Dr. Fuldner's visits to Ironton are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. —Adv

DR. E. R. ZIMMER

Dentist

IRONTON, MO.

IN Home Office at irregular intervals. Will give notice of dates in this paper.

NANNIE WALKER

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A Tonic For Women

"I was hardly able to drag, I was so weakened," writes Mrs. W. F. Ray, of Easley, S. C. "The doctor treated me for about two months, still I didn't get any better. I had a large family and felt I surely must do something to enable me to take care of my little ones. I had heard of

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

"I decided to try it," continues Mrs. Ray. "I took eight bottles in all. I regained my strength and have had no more trouble with womanly weakness. I have ten children and am able to do all my housework and a lot of outdoors. I can sure recommend Cardui."

Take Cardui today. It may be just what you need. At all druggists.

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